GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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Water-Borne Diseases
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reduction in the water-borne diseases during each of the last three years particularly in view of Article 21 of the Constitution which entitles every Indian citizen Right to get safe drinking water;

(b) the statistics related to waterborne diseases; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to reduce the water-borne diseases that is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) & (b) As per the information provided by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, number of cases registered for water borne diseases like Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases, Enteric Fever (Typhoid), Viral Hepatitis (All Causes) & Cholera in the year 2014, 2015 & 2016 (Provisional) is at Annexure I, II & III respectively.

(c) Rural drinking water supply is a state subject. This Ministry supplements the efforts of the States by providing them with technical and financial assistance through the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for improving the coverage of safe drinking water to rural population. It is the State Governments who plan, design, execute and operate schemes for providing safe drinking water.

Under NRDWP, States can utilize upto 67% of funds released to them for provision of safe drinking water in water quality problems. Further, 5% of the NRDWP funds are earmarked for Water Quality and allocated to those States with habitations affected by excess chemical contamination and with high priority districts affected by Japanese Encephalitis/Acute Encephalitis Syndrome. All the State Governments have been advised to provide surface water based piped water supply schemes which inter-alia includes water treatment plant with an appropriate disinfection unit so that water- borne diseases can controlled at source.

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